

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 40

Oklahoma Department of Transportation is Spending \$94,000 in Stimulus Funds to Build a Sidewalk to Nowhere

- The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is spending \$94,000 in taxpayer funds to replace practically new sidewalks in Boynton, Oklahoma. One sidewalk, which doesn't front any homes or businesses, leads directly into a ditch.
- Mike Lance, Boynton resident, expressed his dismay with the project, explaining that the sidewalks are just "five years old." Lance was particularly perturbed with Stimulus funds being used for a sidewalk which leads to, "nowhere." Ray Allen, another resident of Boynton, described the sidewalk project a, "100 percent waste of money."
- ODOT officials did not indicate if this project would actually create jobs in Boynton. Oklahoma's unemployment rate is currently 6.6%.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, \$94,000 in taxpayer funds would not be spent on a side walk to nowhere. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit: <http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- **Source:** <http://www.newson6.com/Global/story.asp?S=12299475>

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